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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 17 June 2008.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's arguments filed on 6/17/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Applicant argues that “**...nowhere in Gunnarsson et al., is it disclosed that the broadcasting information is used to determine whether or not there is an access point of a wireless LAN used by the global station to search for a beacon signal**” This argument is not persuasive. Gunnarsson discloses this limitation in section [0020] on page 3 and lines 8-15, particularly lines 11-15. Gunnarsson discloses that a user is alerted of the availability of a WLAN access point, by a broadcast message that is transmitted by the wireless communication network 10. A base station is an integral part of cellular communication network and a point through which all wireless communication takes place. So a message transmitted by the wireless communication network 10 is a message transmitted by the base station of the wireless communication network 10.
3. Applicant argues that “**...it should be clear that the signaling performed by Gunnarsson et al., is performed at the network level, rather than at the base station level**” This argument is not persuasive. A cellular network is comprised of many essential components and a base station is an essential and integral part of it. A base station is the section of a cellular telephone network which is responsible for handling traffic and signaling between a mobile phone and the network switching subsystem. So

the applicant's implying that a message is not sent by the base station but by the network is not accurate.

4. Applicant argues that ***“This is the reason Gunnarsson et al., requires tracking of the mobile terminal so that the communication network knows when the terminal is within range of wireless access point”***. This argument is not persuasive because it is irrelevant. As pointed out in the above argument and in the detail action below, Gunnarsson discloses all the limitations of the claim of the applicant. A cellular network always tracks the location of mobile terminals.

5. Therefore, Gunnarsson et al. discloses all the limitations of the claims of the applicant.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

6. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

7. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being by Gunnarsson et al. (US 2003/0,118,015).

With respect to claim 1, Gunnarsson discloses an apparatus for searching for an access point for use by a mobile terminal (**See Gunnarsson's abstract, see section [0001], [0005], [0006], [0014], [0017]-[0020], figure 1-5, see additional information at section [0002]-[0004]**), the apparatus comprising: wireless LAN service determination means for determining whether or not there is an access point of wireless LAN providing wireless data service based on broadcasting information transmitted by a base station (**See Gunnarsson's abstract, see section [0001], [0005], [0006], [0014], [0017]-[0020], figure 1-5, see additional information at section [0002]-[0004]**); and wireless LAN service means for searching for a beacon signal transmitted from the access point of the wireless LAN according to the determination result of the wireless LAN service determination means and the mobile station receiving wireless data service from the access point of the wireless LAN based on the beacon signal (**See Gunnarsson's abstract, see section [0001], [0005], [0006], [0014], [0017]-[0020], figure 1-5, see additional information at section [0002]-[0004]**).

With respect to claim 4, Gunnarsson discloses a method for searching for an access point for use by a mobile station(**See Gunnarsson's abstract, see section [0001], [0005], [0006], [0014], [0017]-[0020], figure 1-5**), the method comprising the steps of:

a) obtaining broadcasting information, transmitted by a base station, by using a mobile communication module of a mobile station (**See Gunnarsson's abstract, see section [0001], [0005], [0006], [0014], [0017]-[0020], figure 1-5**);

b) determining whether or not there is the wireless LAN access point providing services based on the obtained broadcasting information (**See Gunnarsson's abstract, see section [0001], [0005], [0006], [0014], [0017]-[0020], figure 1-5**); and

c) receiving wireless data service from the wireless LAN access point by using a wireless LAN module which searches for a periodically transmitted beacon signal of the wireless LAN access point in case the wireless LAN access point is existed (**See Gunnarsson's abstract, see section [0001], [0005], [0006], [0014], [0017]-[0020], figure 1-5**).

With respect to claim 2, Gunnarsson an apparatus wherein the mobile station is a dual mode mobile station having a wireless LAN module and a mobile communication module (**See Gunnarsson's abstract, see section [0002], [0006], [0010], [0018], [0024] figure 4**).

With respect to claim 3, Gunnarsson an apparatus wherein the base station is installed by setting a predetermined service area based on a location in which the access point (**See Gunnarsson's section [00012], see page 5 claim 27**).

With respect to claim 5, Gunnarsson a method wherein the broadcast information includes information indicating presence of the wireless LAN access point and is periodically broadcasted to all mobile stations in a service area of the base station (**See Gunnarsson's section [00020], see page 5 claim 9**).

With respect to claim 6, Gunnarsson an inherent computer readable recoding medium having executable instructions for implementing a method for searching for an

access point for use by station (**See Gunnarsson's abstract, see figure 1-5, section [0012], [0019], [0023] where the electronic devices inherently have computer readable recording medium**), the method comprising the steps of:

a) obtaining broadcasting information transmitted by a base station, by a mobile communication module of a mobile station (**See Gunnarsson's abstract, see section [0001], [0005], [0006], [0014], [0017]-[0020], figure 1-5**);

b) determining whether or not there is the wireless LAN access point providing services based on the obtained broadcasting information (**See Gunnarsson's abstract, see section [0001], [0005], [0006], [0014], [0017]-[0020], figure 1-5**); and

c) the mobile station receiving wireless data service from the wireless LAN access point by using a wireless LAN module which searches periodically transmitted beacon signal of the wireless LAN access point in case the wireless LAN access point is existed (**See Gunnarsson's abstract, see section [0001], [0005], [0006], [0014], [0017]-[0020], figure 1-5**).

With respect to claim 7 and 8, Gunnarsson discloses an apparatus and method of notifying a mobile terminal of the existence of a WLAN access point in an area using the regular mobile terminal communication module via a base station wherein the broadcast information is inherently includes conventional broadcast information (**See Gunnarsson's abstract, see section [0001], [0005], [0006], [0014], [0017]-[0020], figure 1-5, see additional information at section [0002]-[0004]**).

Conclusion

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SAYED T. ZEWARİ whose telephone number is (571)272-6851. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-4:30.

9. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester G. Kincaid can be reached on 571-272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

10. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free). If you would like assistance from a USPTO Customer Service Representative or access to the automated information system, call 800-786-9199 (IN USA OR CANADA) or 571-272-1000.

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July 3, 2008

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